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"We Learn By Teaching"

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MINUTES OF THE 851ST MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB DECEMBER 1989

While our secretary was not present at the December 1989 CCC Banquet, let me assure him, and all others of you who were not able to attend, that a fine evening was had by all. Roger Boye's commentary on life as a numismatic writer proved to be one of the best features of the year. A big thank you to Roger, and an equally big thank you to Carl Wolf for the final arrangements on this year's banquet.

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **JANUARY, 1910**

China finally abolished slavery...German peasants were working 18 hour days...and the average U.S. workingman earned less than $15 per week for putting in 54-60 hours of work.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 72nd meeting January 7, with President **Virgil M. Brand** in the chair. Nashville medals were presented to the members. Exhibitors were **Ted Leon** (a ten dollar gold piece of Miners' Bank), **Virgil M. Brand** (a gold stater of Pontacaphacum, a silver medallion of Constantine II, an 1807 gold 50 stivers of Louis Napoleon, a 1724 Rosa Americana 2-pence, an aes of Olba, a 1909 quadruple ducat of Austria, and a 2-rupee of India).

60 YEARS AGO **JANUARY, 1930**

Constantinople was renamed Istanbul, the last Allied troops left the Rhineland, and Italy's Benito Mussolini came out in favor of revising the Versailles Treaty which had ended World War I.

The 131st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 8. **Mr. Stevens** gave a brief talk on the new currency and the poorly executed die work on the silver coinage. **Mr. Davis** read a paper taken from Spink's Circular on the patron saint of numismatics, Saint Eligus. Exhibitors were **Mr. Cederlund** (a large variety of counterstamped coins), **Mr. Budvitis** (Massachusetts 1787 and 1788 cents and 1787 half-cents, a Washington double headed cent, and an 1817 Hawaiian cent of King Kamahamaha), **Dr. Lutternberger** (a complete set of commemorative half dollars), **Mr. Lawless** (a sheet of fractional currency on the Lyons Bank, Lyons, NY), **Mr. Josephson** (a complete set of $2 1/2 gold and half dollars), **Mr. Vogel** (an 1851 $50 Augustus Humbert, 1854 and 1855 $20 Kellogg gold), **Mr. Rosholm** (a 1747 coronation medal of Denmark's Fred V), and **Mr. Davis** (16 U.S. large cents from 1842-57, all in mint condition).

40 YEARS AGO **JANUARY, 1950**

On January 25, 1950, Alger Hiss was found guilty of perjury in concealing his membership in the Communist Party. In March, German born physicist, Klaus Fuchs, was found guilty of having given British atomic secrets to German agents.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 372nd meeting January 3, and elected **George A. Willar, Fred Munzberg, Thomas E. Allbright** and **Leland J. Mast** as new members. The minutes listed the exhibitors as **Messers. Boosel, Giello, Jonas** and **Ostrander** without giving an accounting of their material.

20 YEARS AGO **JANUARY, 1970**

The January, 1970 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was the annual dinner and awards ceremony. Cabeen Award recipients were: first, **William Pettit**, second, **Gerda Birkholz**. Medal of Merit: **Clifford Lindall**. Literary Award: **James Plath**.

YES BILL, IT'S ABOUT TIME

SEVERAL months ago, Bill Swoger submitted copies of the "minutes" for meetings of the Chicago Numismatic Society some eighty years ago. I promised to insert them in the "Chatter" at an opportune moment, and since this issue is a bit thin, I thought this as good a time as any.

CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY September 4, 1908

The 56th meeting of the above named society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, September 4th, President Virgil Brand presiding. The following

members responded to roll call: Messrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Ripsrta, Puttkamer, Lewis, Kelly, Green, Carey, V.M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson and Leon.

Messrs. Charles B. Schlytern, Walter S. Chattin and A.E. Herschleb were elected to membership. Mr. Miller and Dr. Bert were present as visitors. The latter showed some interesting European coins, interspersed with anecdote and historical matter connected with these pieces. Mr. V.M. Brand exhibited a set of Anse Canot pieces of Prince Edward Island in denominations of one, five, ten, twenty and forty, only the ten of which has heretofore been known to exist, and a half eagle of 1832 in proof condition; Mr. Blumenschein some U.S. freaks, and Mr. Ripstra some Lincoln medals.

Magazines received since the last meeting were the Numismatist, Philatelic West, Chicago Collectors Monthly, Spink's Numismatic Circular and Collectors' Journal for August and Mehl's Monthly for September. Auction catalogs were received from Green and Low.

Adjourned to meet October 2, 1908.
Ben Green, Secretary

CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY November 6, 1908

The 58th monthly meeting of the above named society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, November 6th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Baker, Loer, Ripstra, Lewis, Kelly, Jerrems, Green, Verkler, McDonald, V.M. Brand, Dimpson, Excell, Leon, and Doctors Merrill and Bert.

Messrs. Oliver Leon and A.T. McKay were present as visitors. Messrs. Albert Roehling, A.T. McKay and H.S. Rosenberg were elected to membership.

Under exhibits Mr. Leon showed a copper pettern of the $5 piece of the Massachusetts and California Company, and Mr. Brand a gold 6-ducat piece of Berne, a 100 crown piece of Austria and 50 stivers of Holland in bronze, silver, and gold from the dies of the silver piece.

Magazines received were the Philatelic West, Spink's Numimatic Circular, Numismatischer Verkehr and Mehl's Monthly for October. Auction catalogues were received from Elder, Green, Dr. Hirsch (3), Low and St. Louis Stamp & Coin Company. A priced catalogue was received from Green.

Adjourned to meet December 4th, 1908.
Ben Green, Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB OFFICERS

President - Robert Leonard
First V.P. - Andrew Michyeta
Second V.P. - Pete Jorstad
Archivist - Carl Wolf
Editor - Joe O'Connor
Director - Joseph Tomasko
Secretary/Treasurer - David Simpson
Immediate Past President - Charles Ricard

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

26 - Jennie Sochon

27 - Matthew F. Wojtazek

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JANUARY CCC MEETING JANUARY 10, 1990
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MINUTES OF THE 851ST MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB DECEMBER 13, 1989

The 851st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held at the Bismark Hotel for the Annual Banquet. A motion was passed to suspend all business and begin the festivities. Following a delicious dinner, Roger Boye, author of the Chicago Tribune's weekly coin column spoke on his experiences with the column. Considering that all present had just eaten a hearty meal, it is to Roger's credit that no one attempted to doze off.

Drew Michyeta then presented Roger with the Club's Speaker Medal and then presented the rest of the awards. Literary awards were received by Bob Leonard, Leather Money History, and Charlie Ricard, Couhan Counterstamp.

The 1st Place Cabeen Award was given to Drew Michyeta, and the 2nd Place was given to Charlie Ricard. Honorable mentions went to Harry X Boosel, Harry Flower, Bob Leonard, Bill Swoger, and Carl Wolf

Guests for the evening were: Lynne O'Connor, Janet Leonard, Mrs. Walter Mustain, and Jenny Sochon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 852ND MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB JANUARY 10, 1990

The 852nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m., January 10, 1990. President Bob Leonard had the sad duty of announcing that Ben Odesser had passed away, and called for a moment of silence.

Minutes of the December banquet meeting were not submitted. An attempt to reconstruct them will be made. The Treasurer's Report for December was approved.

A request was made for the Annual Treasurer's Report to be made in February, or failing that, in April. It was also noted that the past two years reports still had not been published.

The guest for the evening was Mike Eckblade. Mark Pedder was the featured speaker. His presentation on "Error Coins" was well received. Following the presentation, Drew Michyeta presented Mark with the club's speaker award.

The "C.I.C.F. Give-Away Committee" reported on several possible designs for "plate money" coasters. A design and an upper cost limit of $875 were approved. The coasters, good for 5 dollars in trade with the club, will be given away at C.I.C.F. in March and sold afterwards for $5 each.

A motion was passed to donate a softcover edition of the club book to the ANA Centennial time capsule.

John Wilson updated the members on the 1991 convention. He is still looking for volunteers to fill some positions. Members are urged to contact him.

A resolution was passed, following intense discussion, that the Chairman and Co-assistant Chairman be required to be members in good standing of the ANA. ANA has expressed discomfort with the nonmember Co-assistant Chairman.

Following a brief explanation of the Cabeen Award Rules, the exhibitors for the evening were **Harry Flower** (a pair of Morgan dollars and 2 pairs of Lincoln cents. The date of mint mark of one of each pair was altered - 6 pieces), **Peter Jorstad** ("Environmental Protection" proofs from Poland. Two regular issues and 3 "Proba" (patterns), **Charlie Ricard** (medal from the Royal Academy of Music portraying all 9 Muses), **Bill Shepard** (Buffalo nickels, split planchets, 4 pieces), **Bob Leonard** (Nemausus, as of Augustus & Agrippa (c.10 b.c. - 10 a.d.) and cut/broken halves; book showing cut halves; a token good for $1 off on a toilet outfit), **Drew Michyeta** (Saxe Goth 1755 reformation Thaler - 200 years of religious peace), **Nancy Wilson** (F.U.N. in Tampa exhibits, ANA offer, CSNS elongated), and **John Wilson** (ink blotters with advertising for Illinois coin dealers, F.U.N. souvenir cards 1990, and 1944 and 1966 ANA convention programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad, Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **FEBRUARY, 1910**

A Paris fashion in 1910 for imitation sable and sealskin encouraged Chinese hunters to trap Manchurian marmots, many

of which were infected with bubonic plague. Within two years an epidemic of this deadly disease killed 60,000 people in Manchuria and China. Over the next nine years, 1.5 million people died of this malady.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 73rd meeting February 4, with President **Harry F. Williams** presiding. **Alfred Brand** and **H.T. Wilson** were elected to membership. Exhibitors were **Ted Leon** (a set of U.S. dollars, including the 1804), **Virgil Brand** (a 10-thaler piece in silver of Brunswick and a 5-shilling siege piece of Scarborough Castle), **Mr. Williams** (a number of foreign gold pieces), and **Henry Chapman** who sent for exhibition a 3 pound Colonial note.

60 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY, 1930

Dutch elm disease is imported from Holland in elm burl logs used in furniture veneer. It killed some trees in Cleveland and Cincinnati in its first year, but over the next forty years it killed some 13 million American elms and left a marked effect on the environment of every American city.

The 132nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February 5th with **Dan Cassell** being elected a member. **Mr. Stevens** gave a historical talk, and **Mr. Davis** spoke on Lincoln and Douglas. Exhibitors were **Mr. Stevens** (steel engravings of Lincoln and Douglas), **Dr. Luttenberger** (a Silver Queen Victoria Jubilee peace medal), **Mr. Davis** (35 Civil War tokens), **Mr. Budvitis** (complete set of commemorative half dollars), **Mr. Bolender** (9 very rare Chinese dollars, one Lesher referendum dollar and a standard pattern dollar of 1878), **Mr. Geo. Brown** (coins from Kwang Tung Province), **Mr. Cederlund** (rare 2 and 2 1/2 ore pieces of Sweden and two varieties of silver boat money), **Dr. Rackus** (6 specimens of wood money of Austria, 4 ferrotypes of Lincoln, lot of German encased cardboard money and a medal of Czar Alex. of Russia) and **Mr. Rosholm** (a collection of Swedish coins of Charles XIII, XIV, and XV, plus John, Oscar I, Oscar II, and Hakon VII.

40 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY, 1950

A witch-hunt is started by Senator Joseph McCarthy, when he claims before a Republican women's club to have a list of a great many known Communists employed by the State Department.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 373rd meeting February 7th and elected as new members **Fred Nickel**, **Mrs. Lucille Stillman**, **Mrs Bess Case** and **Robert H. Golden**. Some of the evenings exhibitors were **Mr. Jonas** (Lincoln medals), **Mr. Brown** (an 1887 U.S. proof set, and Irish gun money), **Mr. Giello** (three Jewish religious medals and London Olympic games medal), **Dr. Riech** (two 400 year old Paduan counterfeit

ancient Roman coins), **Col. Curtis** (pattern coin sets of Tunisia and Morocco), **Mr. Ostrander** (the 1896 Educational banknote series in $1, $2, and $5).

20 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY, 1970

"All in the Family" television show debuted in 1970 and quickly set new audience records as it violated sacrosanct taboos against ethnic and bathroom humor.

The Chicago Coin Club's 613th meeting was held February 11th and **James Sunderland** was elected to membership. The featured speaker was **Gary Krug**, who gave an interesting talk on "Medals as Evidence of Participation in the Civil War." Exhibitors were **Harry X Boosel, Gerda Birkholz, William Pettit, William Hoppe, Joseph Rosenberry, I.T. Kopicki, William Holm, Art Allen** and **Peter Spadoni**.

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William Swoger submitted the following as an enhancement to a previous "OUR HERITAGE", written by Carl Wolf.

THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY January 8, 1909

The sixtieth monthly meeting of the above named society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, January 8th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Huber, Holmes, Darmstaetter, Thuemling, Kelly, Jerrems, Green, Verkler, Carey, W.F. Dunham, McDonald, V.M. Brand, Brenner, Jaeger, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Gardiner, and Tuckerman.

The resignation of Mr. E.W. Hoague was received and accepted. Dr. B.P. Wright and Mr. V.I. Petrov were dropped from membership fro non-payment of dues. A motion was carried granting further time for those in arrears one year or less in which to make payment.

Messrs. Rudolph Brand, Geo. Hilderbrecht, Karl von Wolfskerl and S.W. Brown were elected to membership.

All retiring officers, except the Curator, made full reports on the conduct of their offices during the year. Membership medals were given to all those present, and the Secretary was instructed to mail copies to all members in good standing.

The following officers for 1909 were installed:

President, Virgil M. Brand
Vice-President, F. Elmo Simpson
Secretary, Ben G. Green

Executive Committee
J.B. Holmes
W.F. Dunham

Treasurer, W.F. Dunham
Censor, T.E. Leon
Librarian, Chester Dunham
Curator, M.P. Carey

Dr. F.B. Merrill

A vote of thanks was tendered President Brand for his efficient work during the past year. The President appointed the Executive Committee to act as Membership Committee for the year.

Under exhibits Mr. Brand showed a Lincoln Medal by Victor D. Brenner in silver, and a $5.00 Bechtler, struck by the original Bechtler's son, in base gold. Dr. Merrill showed nine varieties of the Coventry half-penny with Lady Godiva.

A copy of Blake's United Stated Paper Money was added to the library, being a present from the author. Magazines received since last report were Spink's Numismatic Circular. Philatelic West, and Collectors' Monthly for December, and Mehl's Monthly and the Numismatist for January. Auction catalogues were received from Henry Chapman, Elder (2) Green, Hess and H.S. Rosenberg.

The Treasurer's report showed all bills for 1908 paid and a balance in the treasury.

Adjourned to meet February 5, 1909.

Ben G. Green, Secretary

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THE SPECIAL CICF CHICAGO COIN CLUB MEETING!

Everyone attending the March meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be given a complimentary piece of Genuine Plate Money worth $5.00 in trade. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 17, in the Water Tower Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Drive, Downtown Chicago. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair.

These unique 3-5/8" square Plate Money Tokens are reminiscent of the magnificent series of coins issued by Sweden during the 17th and 18th centuries. Some pieces reached 2' X 1' proportions and weighed over 30 pounds. The Chicago Coin Club's issue is very close in size to the original 1/2-thaler of 1727, except for thickness and weight. The "GOOD FOR" and "VALID UNTIL 15 JUNE 1990" are in Swedish. Anyone can use the token toward the purchase of books and medals issued by the Club, or towards membership dues.

Accompanying the token is the History of Plate Money, written especially for this project by Kent M. Froseth, a Minneapolis coin dealer and specialist in Scandinavian

coinage. Reflecting Sweden's national colors, this history is printed in blue ink on yellow index stock. The token is in a large coin flip and affixed to the index which is prepunched and suitable for a 3-ring binder.

Production has been limited to only 250 pieces and will be sold for $5.00 each after the meeting, $6.00 by mail and $8.00 if outside the U.S. Checks should be made payable to the CHICAGO COIN CLUB, and sent to P.O. BOX 2301 CHICAGO, IL 60690.

"Those sincerely interested in adding this unique token to their collection should not delay in sending off their check," says Carl F. Wolf, chairman of the project and Club Archivist. "This is now the fourth time the club has issued a numismatic momento for the International Coin Fair and each sold out more quickly than the one issued before it. Collectors should plan to attend the meeting or send someone in their stead if they want to be assured of receiving this item."

The Chicago Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the study of numismatics and the advancement of the collecting hobby. The Club was originally organized in 1912 as American Numismatic Association Branch Club No. 1 and was reorganized in 1919 under its present name. The Club holds monthly meetings and will host A.N.A.'s Centennial Convention to be held August 13-18, 1991.

For more information, write to the club box or call 312-454-9696.

Carl F. Wolf, Club Archivist

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Immediate Past President - Charles Ricard

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02 - Tillie Boosel
11 - Hugh Cooper
21 - William Boss
25 - Walter Pershke

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TREASURE FROM THE NICOBAR
By Bill Baker

About ten to twelve years ago I was at the Midland Hotel looking forward to attending my first Chicago Coin Club meeting. As I stood by the elevators trying to determine where the meeting room was a gentleman stepped up to me asking if I was looking for the Chicago Coin Club's meeting room. I said I was. He replied that he had joined a couple of months before and would be happy to show me the way. That gentleman was Carl Wolf.

At this meeting, I had the pleasure of viewing and hearing about a number of very interesting exhibits. One of the exhibitors was, I believe, Gerda Birkholz. Gerda exhibited one of the most unusual and intriguing coins I had ever seen, a large piece of copper she referred to as Swedish Plate Money. I was fascinated by this huge coin. I had been largely a collector of U.S. coins, and was beginning to branch into ancients, but I had never seen anything like this.

With the exception of this meeting, I had never seen another example of Plate Money. Thoughts of owning an example of this coin passed with time, since I don't recall ever seeing any offered for sale, and I was aware of their rarity and expense.

This past fall, I read in World Coin News of the story of the Nicobar. The Nicobar was a Danish East India Company ship that sailed from Copenhagen in 1782 to trade in the Nicobar Islands and along the coast of India. Part of her trading cargo were several thousand pieces of copper plate money that were picked up in Sweden. The Nicobar never completed its voyage, as it sank near Cape Agulhas at the tip of South Africa in a raging storm on July 11, 1783. Only eleven of its crew survived.

On January 4, 1987 two divers spearfishing near Cape Agulhas found the wreck of the Nicobar. Besides 12 canons,

over 3000 pieces of the plate money were found, representing a substantial increase in the number of surviving pieces. Prior to this find only about 11,000 of the total 48,000,000 pieces produced between 1644 and 1776 had survived.

Over the last few months, several different dealers have offered plate money for sale, and I had been tempted to purchase an example but had held back, as I could only afford an example of the lowest quality. Finally, as the temptation was too great, I decided to contact one of the dealers offering the bottom quality pieces. The dealer I contacted said that he would send me an example that he would find pleasing among the bottom quality pieces. I then placed my order for a 2 Daler piece and anxiously awaited its arrival.

While at work, I received a call from my wife Nancy. She was calling to let me know that my plate money had arrived. I was ecstatic, and had to know what it looked like, so I asked Nancy to carefully open the box and describe it to me. As she did so, I held my breath waiting for her reaction. She remarked "It looks like a rock. No, it's uglier than a rock. I'm putting it back in the box. However, you will probably like it." Now, talk about being distracted, I had to get home to see what my "rock" looked like. Would it be as ugly as she said?

As I walked into my house, I noticed the open box. Without even taking my coat off I rushed to examine the coin. Inside the box was a canvas sack, and within the sack was my coin. My fears of an ugly duckling disappeared as I held one of the most interesting coins that I had ever seen. Measuring nearly 8" by 7" and weighing a couple of pounds, it was huge! Approximately 20 - 25% is missing from the left side. The plate is heavily pitted, adding to the character of the piece. This coin really looks like it came from a shipwreck.

Typically, these plates were struck in the center with a stamp indicating the denomination, and at each of the corners with the King's crown, initials and date. My plate has a nearly complete center stamp showing the denomination, and two partial corner stamps. I have never had such fun holding a coin as I have with this one. If you are thinking of buying one of these, do it, as even the lower grades are fascinating.

MINUTES OF THE 853RD MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB FEBRUARY 1990

The 853rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:15pm, February 14, 1990 by Acting President Drew

Michyeta. Due to heavy snow, the meeting was attended by only five members.

It was discussed that after the plate money is distributed at CICF, sufficient pieces be held back for any paid orders from before the meeting. Any remaining may then be sold.

The Treasurer mentioned that his previous statement that the club has to file returns with Illinois is incorrect. The bad news is that contributions to the club are not tax deductible. The club documents state that we are a social club, not a charitable organization.

The entertainment for the evening was an ANA slide presentation of "Do's and Don't's of Coin Collecting."

The 600th Meeting Medal, donated by Michael Dolnick, was given to the only member present who did not have one - Pete Jorstad.

Exhibitors for the evening were Harry Flower (cards encased in cardboard, 7 pieces), Peter Jorstad (Russian paper money, 7 pieces), and Bill Swoger (Montenegro 100 Perpera obverse die pattern, Czechoslovakia 20 Haleru, and Saarland gold 100 Franken).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO MARCH, 1910

In 1910 the editorship of the Chicago Tribune was assumed by Robert R. McCormick and his cousin Joseph M. Patterson. A nephew of the late reaper inventor, McCormick increased the Tribune's circulation from 200,000 to 892,000 (1.4 million on Sunday) over the next 45 years. He made the Tribune the world's greatest newspaper in terms of advertising revenue and later went on to establish WGN (World's Greatest Newspaper) radio station.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 74th meeting March 4 with **Messrs. C.E. Woodruff, James MacVeagh, Charles F. Redman** and **Hyman Baer** elected members. E.H. Adams, a corresponding member from Brooklyn, gave a talk on general numismatic subjects. Exhibitors were **Mr. Brand** (the 1910 U.S> Assay Medal, Greek and Roman gold, and the English cartwheel series in gold and copper), **Mr. Williams** (his

collection of Napoleonic gold), and **Mr. Green** (a Waterloo medal).

60 YEARS AGO **MARCH, 1930**

On March 12, 1930, Mahatma Gandhi began a civil disobedience campaign against the British in India. The planet Pluto was discovered March 18, by astronomers in Flagstaff, AZ. Chicago's Adler Planetarium was the first planetarium to open in the western hemisphere.

The 133rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 5th with **Frank Wagner** and **William Henning** being elected members. **Mr Cederlund** read a paper on the counterstamped coins of Portugal and its colonies, and exhibited 83 different varieties. **Mr. Rosholm** also read a paper of the subject of Roald Amundsen and exhibited 2 varieties of his medals. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Kopicki** (30 Lincoln medals), **Mr. Lawless** (a Hoover Inauguration medal in bronze), **Mr. Josephson** (Chinese pants-shaped money), **Mr. Miller** (Arabic fishhook money and an ancient Chinese cash mold), **Dr. Rackus** (shell and bone money from the South Pacific islands), and **Mr. Davis** (a variety of Colonial cents).

40 YEARS AGO **MARCH, 1950**

The "Ten Most Wanted Criminals" list was issued by the F.B.I. for the first time in 1950, as a publicity move.

The 374th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 7th and elected as new members **Stanley Gillespie, Lenox R. Lohr, D.L. McCandlish, Harold T. Hedlund,** and **Bill Robson.** Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Boosel** (silk and linen German notgeld), **Earl Brown** (uncirculated coins of Jersey and Guernsey), **Mr. Giello** (Civil War tokens), and **Mr. Swartz** (27 choice Swiss Shooting Festival crowns in a special frame).

20 YEARS AGO **MARCH, 1970**

Cambodia's Prince Sihanock is overthrown and defense minister Lon Nol seizes power and begins a reign of terror. Libyan Col. Mu'ammar el-Qadhafi, 27, assumed power as premier 4 1/2 months after seizing control.

The Club's 614th meeting was held March 11 and **Richard Bertoldi** was elected to membership. Dr. Daniel Scovone, Elmhurst College, spoke on the experiences of his class in studying and classifying a small ancient coin collection. Exhibitors for the evening were **Gerda Birkholz, Joseph Rosenberg, William Pettit, Glenn Smedley,** and **Harry X Boosel.** The official minutes did not list their exhibit material.

1991 ANA CONVENTION UPDATE

Midwest collectors wanting to help coordinate the American Numismatic Association's 100th Anniversary Convention in 1991 should plan to attend an organizational meeting this March.

The ANA Centennial Convention, August 13-18, 1991, will be held in Chicago -- the host city of the first ANA convention in 1891. The Chicago Coin Club will host the ANA Centennial celebrations, which will offer the opportunity to reflect on the first 100 years of the ANA and set the stage for the next century of numismatic collecting.

Centennial convention General Chairman John Wilson scheduled the Centennial Convention Organizational Meeting to be held during the Chicago International Coin Fair, March 15 - 17, 1990, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago. The meeting will begin at 10:00am, Saturday, March 17, in the Gold Coast Room in the West Tower of the Hyatt Regency.

Also attending the March 17 meeting will be ANA Governors Donn Pearlman of Skokie, Illinois, Florence Schook of Livonia, Michigan and Nancy Wilson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This will be the second Centennial Convention planning meeting. The first planning session was held last November during the Illinois Numismatic Association Convention.

Centennial Convention Chairman Wilson said "We are also scheduling another Centennial Convention planning meeting to be held in Milwaukee during the Central States Numismatic Society Convention, (April 6 - 8, 1990). The ANA Centennial Celebration will be a once-in-a-lifetime numismatic event. I strongly encourage anyone interested in volunteering their assistance to attend one of these meetings or write me."

For further information about the 1991 Convention planning meetings, write John Wilson, P.O. Box 27185, Milwaukee, WI 53227.

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Accompanying the token is the History of Plate Money, written especially for this project by Kent M. Froseth, a Minneapolis coin dealer and specialist in Scandinavian coinage. Reflecting Sweden's national colors, this history is printed in blue ink on yellow index stock. The token is in a large coin flip and affixed to the index which is prepunched and suitable for a 3-ring binder.

Production has been limited to only 250 pieces and will be sold for $5.00 each after the meeting, $6.00 by mail and $8.00 if outside the U.S. Checks should be made payable to the CHICAGO COIN CLUB, and sent to P.O. BOX 2301 CHICAGO, IL 60690.

"Those sincerely interested in adding this unique token to their collection should not delay in sending off their

check," says Carl F. Wolf, chairman of the project and Club Archivist. "This is now the fourth time the club has issued a numismatic momento for the International Coin Fair and each sold out more quickly than the one issued before it. Collectors should plan to attend the meeting or send someone in their stead if they want to be assured of receiving this item."

The Chicago Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the study of numismatics and the advancement of the collecting hobby. The Club was originally organized in 1912 as American Numismatic Association Branch Club No. 1 and was reorganized in 1919 under its present name. The Club holds monthly meetings and will host A.N.A.'s Centennial Convention to be held August 13-18, 1991.

For more information, write to the club box or call 312-454-9696.

Carl F. Wolf, Club Archivist

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01- Charlotte Nagy
07- Bruno Rzepka
14- Donald R. Srbeny
19- William B. T. Mock, Jr.
20- Sidney Bick
25- David B. Silberman, Jr.
29- Nancy Wilson
07- James R. Budd
11- George Lill III
16- Joseph T. Tomasko
19- Charles J. Ricard
23- Eileen Peterson
29- Arthur C. Allen
31- Andrew E. Michyeta III

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John & Nancy Wilson have made available this advertising note for the 1991 ANA Convention. For any clubs that wish to receive a "stack" of them for distribution, please send sixty-five cents in stamps to Wilson, Box 27185, Milwaukee, WI 53227. The other side of this note is reprinted on page 7 of this "Chatter".

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MARCH CCC MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 17, 1990
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
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DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, IN THE WATER TOWER ROOM
1:00 PM
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PLEASE NOTE - If you have not received your membership card in this "Chatter" or at the last meeting, you have not paid your dues for 1990. (PAJ)

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VOL 42, NO 04 APRIL 1990 Jos. R. O'Connor, Editor

MINUTES OF THE 854TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB MARCH 1990

The 854th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 1:00 p.m., March 17, 1990. This meeting was held at the Chicago International Coin Fair. The numerous guests were introduced by President Bob Leonard - the attendance record shows that 83 people attended the meeting.

Charlie Wyatt took time away from his bourse table to speak about numismatic literature. Drew Michyeta presented Charlie with the Club's speaker award at the conclusion of the discussion.

Kent Froseth then spoke about Swedish plate money. Following this convincing discussion (several CCC members purchased specimens of the plate money from the bourse floor following the meeting), Drew presented the Club's award to Kent.

Bob Leonard noted that a hard cover copy of the Club's book was donated to the ANA time capsule.

All people attending the meeting were then presented with the CCC issue of plate money. Bob also instructed that, as approved in prior meetings, specimens be sent to ANA, ANS and the Royal Mint of Sweden.

Bill Swoger presented Chet Poderski with three issues (Circa 1909) of the Auction Jokester in honor of Chet's services as club auctioneer.

The first reading of August Jackson's application for membership was made.

Exhibitors for the day were Chet Poderski (ANA Branch number one directory), Charlie Ricard (St. Helena Half Penny 1821), Drew Michyeta (2 Islamic pieces - Samanids 976-997

A.D. and Afganistan - Turn of the 19th Century), Harry Flower (Box Thalers - 10 Centime France and 2 Kreuzer Austria), and John Wilson (12th Midwinter Presentation set).

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO APRIL, 1910

National Cash Register's sales skyrocketed in excess of $100,000 in 1910 due to their improved registers. They had added a small electric motor, therefore eliminated manual operation.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 75th meeting April 1, with **Henry A. Fowler** being elected to the membership. **Mr. Baker** gave a select reading and **Mr. Fowler** made some pleasing remarks on numismatics and philately. Exhibitors were **Dr. Bert** (his collection of European coins), **Mr. Dunham** (his collection of Hard Times tokens, consisting of 130 numbers according to Low, 27 of which were of great rarity), and **Mr. Brand** (silver Japanese mint medals and gold coins of Venezuela).

60 YEARS AGO APRIL, 1930

Ethiopian empress Zanditu dies and is succeeded by 39 year old Haile Selassie who is proclaimed King of Kings later in the year. Chicago's 37 story Palmolive building was completed and topped with a Lindbergh Beacon that flashed 500 miles out over Lake Michigan.

The 134th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 2 with **Rollo E. Gilmore** being elected a member. **Dr. Rackus** was the evenings featured speaker. His subject was early coinage, illustrating his talk with 12 8"x12" trays of terra-cotta, shells, wampum, Egyptian rings, beads, and animal teeth. Other exhibitors included **Mr. Vogel** (a 1776 pewter dollar and 1839 and 1852 proof dollars), **Mr. Budvitis** (Russian rubles from Peter I, II, III, Paul I, Anna, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Alexander I and III), **Mr. Pandelides** (ancient Greek silver from Antiochus VI, Donysos, Alexander the Great, Mezios, Selucius I and Demetrios I), and **Mr. Davis** (14 Lincoln medals).

40 YEARS AGO APRIL, 1950

Television's "What's My Line" debuted on CBS with John Charles Daley as emcee. It was a popular show that lasted until September 3, 1967.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 375th meeting April 4 and elected to membership **Roy R. Hartless, Jr., Mrs. Fern Hartless, Mrs. Florence Smedley,** and **Mrs. Jean Bradfield.** Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Bebee** (the first dollar-sized coin ever issued, a 1486 Joachimsthaler issued by Archduke Sigismund of Austria), **Mr. Boosel** (5 gold coins of the Middle Ages and the 18th century, all with loops soldered on the edge), and **Mr. Giello** (Lincoln and Roosevelt medals).

20 YEARS AGO **APRIL, 1970**

The 615th meeting of the Club was held April 8th. The featured program was given by Frank Cella who explained the A.N.A. Collection Insurance plans and answered many questions. **Mr. Smedley** presented **Peter Spadoni** with a unique lead trial piece of the 1956 A.N.A.-Chicago convention badge. Although the official minutes did not tell of the specific material exhibited, the exhibitors were **Glenn Smedley, Gerda Birkholz, Art Allen, Joe Rosenberg, William Pettit,** and **Gary Krug.**

BEN ODESSER
In Memoriam

A moment of silence was marked by members of the Chicago Coin Club at the start of their Wednesday evening January 10, 1990 meeting in memory of colleague Ben Odesser who died earlier that day. Odesser, 79, a resident of Skokie, Illinois, died of heart failure.

He was charter member number nine of The Token and Medal Society (TAMS), a former treasurer of that organization, and a member of the TAMS board of directors at the time of his death.

"Ben was nationally known in the field of tokens and medals, and was a familiar sight at major coin shows around the country where he usually wore his trademark green tam o'shanter cap," said Bob Leonard, Chicago Coin Club president.

Odesser was active in other Chicago area clubs -- including Oak Park, Morton Grove, and Hillside -- as well as the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois and the American Israel Numismatic Association.

A retired Postal Service employee, he served as a Warrant Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps in Shanghai, China in the early 1930's.

In recent years, he was well known locally for conducting a monthly coin bourse at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles, Illinois.

"He was a pioneer in establishing monthly coin shows in the Chicago area back in the 1950s," said Leonard.

"He was a very generous person," recalled Harry Flower, a long-time numismatic colleague. "He gave willingly of his time and knowledge."

Odesser annually funded an award named for his late wife, Sylvia, for the best exhibit of Judaic numismatic materials.

Funeral services were held Thursday January 11, 1990 at the Weinstein Brothers Memorial Chapel, Wilmette, Illinois.

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15 - Robert D. Leonard
16 - Rolf Knauz
22 - Reecy Aresty
27 - Don Valenziano, Jr.
30 - J. Thomas Nolan

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APRIL CCC MEETING APRIL 11, 1990
7:30 PM 1 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 17TH FLOOR
AT THE OFFICES OF CHECKER, SIMON & ROSNER

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COMING IN MAY - A new and improved "Chatter" with the help of "WordPerfect 5.1", and Mr. Thomas Gittings from the Federal Reserve Bank on the "History of Paper Money - Past, Present and Future".

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MINUTES OF THE 855TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB APRIL 11, 1990

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Leonard at 7:35pm, with 13 members present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved with two changes - that the club had loaned a soft cover 800th meeting book to the ANA for its time capsule, not a hard cover, and that Carl Wolf had presented Ken Froseth with the CCC Speaker's Award.

The speaker for the evening was Bob Leonard, on "Legends and Lore of Judas and the 30 Pieces of Silver." He showed an example of the shekel of Tyre, which is now believed to be the type of coin included in the 30 pieces.

Charles Ricard presented Bob Leonard with an award from the Central States Numismatic Society for his article on leather money. Drew Michyeta said that Tom Giddings of the Federal Reserve Board would give a presentation on paper money in May. Carl Wolf reported that the Club's plate money had been selling well, with less than 100 of the 250 issued still available. Bob Leonard reported on an ANA time capsule.

A second reading was made on August Jackson's membership application, and he was voted in. A first reading was made of Ernest Watmough's application. Since he must be present at one of the readings and was not in attendance tonight, he was invited to attend a meeting so that the Club could read his application a second time.

In new business, Bill Swoger asked that the Club expunge its January resolution dealing with required ANA membership to serve in top positions on the 100th Anniversary Convention Committee. After discussion, the Club agreed to consult Parliamentarian Bill Mock (not in attendance) about how it might proceed. Bill Swoger also asked to be confirmed by the Club as its Historics and Traditions Chairman position on the Convention Committee,

but he withdrew his request after some discussion.

Exhibitors for the evening were Drew Michyeta (five Indian rupees and a one-half rupee illustrating a series of monarchs), Dave Simpson (plate money from Nicobar shipwreck), Carl Wolf (leather money from Maryland Token and Medal Society), Charles Ricard (Indian Princess Three Dollar Gold), Robert Leonard (Italian 19th Century coin with advertising sticker), George Lill (error coin of the Potosi Mint in Bolivia), Bill Shepard (1985 U.S. $1 error note, 1932 D Washington Quarter reproduction), and Bill Swoger (three rare pieces from Czechoslovakia, Germany and Montenegro).

Bob Leonard mentioned National Coin Week, and gave away an ANA poster. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Simpson
Acting Secretary

NOTICE !

The payment of dues this year has been pathetic. Some forty members have yet to pay. As we have mailed all of the remaining 1990 membership cards with this "Chatter", if your membership card is enclosed without a PAID sticker, YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES. Please remit them ASAP. Thank you.

Pete Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **May, 1910**

Britain's King Edward VII died May 6, 1910 after a 9 year reign. He was succeeded by his 44 year old second son who reigned as George V until his death in 1936.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held their 76th meeting May 6th, with **C.E. Morrill** and **Leo Kahn** being elected members. Exhibitors were **Mr. Brand** (part of his collection of silver coins of Brunswick and Luneberg), and **W.F. Dunham** (his collection of war medals).

60 YEARS AGO **MAY, 1930**

Boeing Transport merged with National Air Transport to form United Airlines, who hired registered nurse and student pilot, Ellen Church, the industry's first airline stewardess.

The 135th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 4th and **Joseph Wallace, Stanley Drop,** and **Geo. Stashwick** were elected members. **Geo. Brown** was the evening's featured speaker on the subject of "Modern Chinese Coins". Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Thacker** (a rare Chicago medal commemorating the 1894 railroad strike), **Mr. Visco** (memorabilia of Lincoln), **Dr. Luttenberger** (a large volume of Confederate notes from $1 to $500 denominations), **Mr. Vogel** (the first post used in the U.S. and mailed from the American Numismatic Society, 11-21-1876), **Mr. Kelly** (Chicago encased postage stamps), **Dr. Rackus** (Grass matt money of New Hebrides, a collection of cup and spoon money, and Babylonian clay tablets and cylinders), and **Mr. Cederlund** (necessity pieces from many places, including Carthagena, Santa Marta, Campen, Russia, and more).

40 YEARS AGO MAY, 1950

The first Xerox copying machine was produced by Haloid Company and U.S. television sales began a rapid rise in 1950.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 376th meeting May 2nd. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Friberg** (2 engravings from the B.E.P.), **Mr. Boosel** (Starred $5 notes), **Mr. Jonas** (13 coins from seven Bishops of Breslau in Silesia, 1612 to 1796), **Mr. Ostrander** (2 U.S. gold coins), and Bert **Adams** (several sets of Maundy money).

20 YEARS AGO MAY, 1970

President Nixon called college students who oppose his Vietnam policies "Bums". Secretary of the Interior Hinckel sent Nixon a letter warning that he is contributing to anarchy and revolt by turning his back on American youth. On May 9, 75,000 to 100,000 peaceful demonstrators descended on Washington DC for an anti-war rally, and President Nixon was unable to sleep.

The 616th meeting of the Club was held May 13th with **Harry Tileston** as the featured speaker on the subject "Type Collecting, Reasons Why." Exhibitors were **Gerda Birkholz, Glenn Smedley, Harry Flower, Art Allen,** and **Harry X Boosel.**

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

02- Donn Pearlman
03- Roy R. Grundy
08- Stanley Kruswicki
10- Martin Vink
17- Shirley Valenziano
25- John Ross

MAY CCC MEETING
MAY 9, 1990, 7:30 PM
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SPEAKER WILL BE
TOM GIDDINGS OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD
ON THE SUBJECT OF
"PAPER MONEY"

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Just in case it had escaped your attention, this is the skinniest "Chatter" since my editorship began. PLEASE send your letters, jokes, quizzes, comments etc. to me directly at O'Connor & Company, P.O. Box 450, Oak Forest, IL 60452-0045!!

You may also notice our return to the old plain white "copy paper" stock, as the colored paper and printing were beginning to get too expensive for a small run such as ours. However, thanks to "WordPerfect 5.1", we now have a little more versatility with font sizes and graphics (yet to come), in order to keep the "Chatter" at least at its previous level of quality.

Joseph R. O'Connor

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MINUTES OF THE 856TH MEETING OF THE
CHICAGO COIN CLUB
MAY 1990

The Chicago Coin Club meeting of May 9, 1990 at the Bismarck Hotel was called to order by President Robert Leonard at 7:51 PM, the call to order being delayed about 20 minutes because of heavy thunderstorms in the area. Despite the terrible weather, a total of 14 members and one guest attended.

The guest speaker, Thomas A. Gittings, Ph.D., is senior economist in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago. A paper money collector, he presented a candid and often humorous discussion of the history of currency in the United States and "The Fed." To illustrate his talk, he passed around the room 13 pieces of currency, among them a State of Massachusetts $5 Revolutionary War note of 1780, a $3 bill of June 10, 1864 from the Bulls Head Bank of New York, a $5 denomination Educational Series note of 1886, and a 1907 $10 Gold Coin note.

Gittings is curator of the money exhibit at the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank and explained there are about 2,500 notes in the museum including several unique specimens, such as the only known $5.000 and $10,000 large-sized Federal Reserve notes of 1914. However, what is usually on display at any given time "is only the tip of the iceberg." He told how he convinced the New York Fed to swap one of its museum bills, a $1,000 denomination "watermelon" note, so named because the zeros on the reverse resemble watermelons. He traded $1,000 in face value of other Chicago museum notes for that extremely rare "grand watermelon."

Among the other eye-opening stories he told: "The Chicago Federal Reserve still gets several hundred dollars a year in gold certificates being rendered for current bills. A few years ago some staff members actually destroyed uncirculated gold certificates that had been redeemed for face value."

Mr. Gittings was informed of plans for the ANA 100th anniversary convention and that a convention tour of the Federal Reserve Bank would probably be offered. ANA Governor Donn Pearlman said he would ask ANA headquarters to contact Chicago Fed President, Silas Keehn, about the possibility of putting some of the bank's museum notes on display at the convention site.

Following Mr. Gittings' presentation, the club recognized members John and Nancy Wilson of Milwaukee for recently being named "Numismatic Ambassadors" by Krause Publications. In his role as 1991 ANA Convention General Chairman, John

Wilson provided an update on planning for the centennial event, saying he was very pleased with the way everything was going.

There were five exhibitors for the evening: **Donn Pearlman** (Southeast Asian-made U.S. 1804 silver dollar he purchased in Sidney, Australia), **Robert Leonard** (a new book published by Spinks of London, Hop Tokens of Kent & Sussex), ANA Governor **Nancy Wilson** (a Bureau of Engraving and Printing souvenir card (#11) from the 1990 Central States Numismatic Society convention), **John Wilson** (numerous mementos of the CSNS show), and **Brian Stubbs** (canceled check from the Bank of Philadelphia from 1796 in the amount of $393).

The meeting adjourned at about 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donn Pearlman
Acting Secretary

MEMBER PROFILE
August Jackson

(Ed. note: It has been a L-O-N-G time since we last included a "Member Profile" in the "Chatter". In fact, the one and only previous "Member Profile" was about myself in the first "Chatter" issue under my editorship. Needless to say, any other "Member Profile" contributions would be greatly appreciated. My thanks and a big welcome to one of our newer members, Mr. August Jackson.)

August "Gus" Jackson lives in the small community of Harmon (about midway between Chicago and the Quad Cities). He comes from a large family, being the youngest of eight children.

Gus is the youngest District Delegate in the ANA Representative Program to date, and is the Local YN Chairman for the ANA's 100th Anniversary Convention. He is also a member of the ANA's YN Advisory Council.

He has been coin columnist for the weekly "The Amboy News" for about a year and a half, and has had articles published in the Numismatist, First Strike, I.L.N.A. Digest, N.O.W. News, FUN-Topics, and the Mich-Matist.

Gus attended Amboy High School and was one of 251 students chosen from more than 840 from the class of 1993 to attend Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

I.M.S.A., located in Aurora, is a three year residential high school for exceptionally gifted students. It is a laboratory of sorts for new teaching methods.

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO JUNE, 1910

In 1910 John N. Willy produced 18,200 motorcars, up from 4000 the year before. Sears Roebuck was selling Model L cards for $370, a Reo Runabout cost $500, a Maxwell for $600 and a Hupmobile for $750.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 77th meeting June 3rd. **Dr. G.C. Fry** and **John S. Sensow** were elected to membership. **Mr. Baker** gave a select reading on "Coin Nomenclature". Exhibitors were **W.F. Dunham** (his collection of Roman first bronzes), and **Mr. Leon** (some Siberian coins).

60 YEARS AGO JUNE, 1930

The Chicago Board of Trade's 45 story building opened this year and it would be our fair city's tallest building for 40 years. The

Merchandise Mart was completed by Marshall Field & Co., and was the world's largest commercial building.

The 136th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 4th. **R.E. Davis** read a paper on early Illinois notes. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Lorenz** (a number of fractional currency pieces), **Mr. Miller** (1200 pieces of German necessity money), **Mr. Ronning** (2 pieces of Chinese wood money), **Dr. Luttenberger** (an album of Confederate notes), Mr. Powills (ancient bronze coins of Maximus, Crispus, and Theodora, plus uncirculated coppers of Bradbant, Brazil and Harrington), and **Dr. Rackus** (a 1564 necessity thaler of Sigismund of Lithuania, boat-money and bar-money from China and Annam and Arunine District Money from the Bapapore Tribe of the Belgian Congo).

40 YEARS AGO **JUNE, 1950**

Smokey the Bear became a symbol for forest fire prevention in 1950. Based on a real orphan cub found clinging to a charred tree, the badly burned cub was shipped to the National Zoo in Washington DC and began to appear on posters with the message "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires".

The Chicago Coin Club held its 377th meeting June 14th and elected as members **Walter Nemecek** and **George A. Cooke.** Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Brown** (2 proof Maria Theresa thalers), **Mr. Hewitt** (pattern cardboard and German New Guinea 10 and 20 mark gold proofs), **Mr. Pokorney** (complete 5 year sets of Booker T. Washington half dollars), and **Mr. Smedley** (an ancient Roman Republic denarius).

20 YEARS AGO **JUNE, 1970**

Four Kent State University students were shot dead, eight more were wounded, by National Guardsmen, at a rally protesting widening of the Vietnam War into Cambodia.

The Club's 617th meeting was held June 10th, with **William Pettit** as the featured speaker on the subject "The Lost Coins of the State of Franklin". Exhibitors were **Gerda Birkholz, Dr. Lore, Glenn Smedley, William Pettit, Art Allen, Harry X Boosel, Gary Krug** and **Chester Poderski.** The official minutes did not share what material was shown.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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12 - Rosalind Ryant
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27 - James Simek

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JUNE 13, 1990, 7:30 PM
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THE EVENING'S FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE DREW MICHYETA ON THE SUBJECT OF "FOREIGN COINS MINTED BY THE US MINTS"

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Panama-Pacific Exposition Fifty Dollar Gold — — — — — —
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Constitution Bicentennial Dollar — — — — — — — —
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Daniel Boone Bicentennial Half Dollar — — — — — — —
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California Diamond Jubilee Half Dollar — — — —
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Cincinnati Music Center Half Dollar — — — — — — — —
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Columbia, S.C. Half Dollar — — — — — — —
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MINUTES OF THE 857TH MEETING
OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
JUNE 1990

The 857th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 pm, June 13, 1990 by President Bob Leonard.

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as printed in the "Chatter". The Treasurer's Report for March and April were approved as read. May's report is held up because bank statements were not received yet. Annual Treasurer's Reports for 1987, 1988 and 1989 were submitted and will be published in the "Chatter".

The guest for the evening was Charlene Swoger.

Drew Michyeta was the speaker for the evening. His topic was "Foreign Coins Minted by the U.S. Mints."

It was noted that though the year was nearly half over, no submissions for the literary award have been received.

Requests for the club's "Plate Money" have been received from Norway and Sweden. The supply is dwindling!

The Secretary mentioned that dues have not been received from many members. He will send postcards to our delinquent members.

The subject of dues started a lively discussion as to whether dues should be raised or lowered. The topic was dropped but will likely arise again.

Exhibitors for the evening were **Harry Flower** (counterstamped coins - 6 pieces), **Pete Jorstad** (Canadian $1 bills, one with "devil's face" - 2 pieces), **Bill Shepard** (counterfeit coins and the recently issued gold bullion cicadas), **Bob Leonard** ("notgeld" tokens - 3 pieces), **Carl Wolf** ($10 novelty calculator/address book), **Harry X Boosel** (Saudi and Iranian gold minted by the U.S., Ukrainian pin, Ripstra envelopes, pictures of new grandchild - 12 pieces), and **Brian Stubbs** (Liberian proof set and fractional stock certificate - 7 pieces).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO JULY, 1910

Boxer James Jeffries, the "great white hope", came out of retirement July 4 to challenge heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, the first black prizefight champion. Jeffries lost and race riots ensued in many

U.S. cities as white bigots vented their rage.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 78th meeting July 1st with **W.F. Dunham** speaking on his ready finding list for Hard Times Tokens and a book on Early Christian Numismatics by C.W. King. Exhibitors were **Mr. Brand** (a set of old Bombay gold coinage, a gold proof set of Straits Settlements, and a 1865 2-dollar gold piece of Newfoundland), and **W.F. Dunham** (Presidential medals).

60 YEARS AGO **JULY, 1930**

The American regionalist style of painting was launched in 1930, with Grant Wood's painting of American Gothic, in which he portrayed his sister and his dentist as archetype farmfolk.

The 137th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 2nd, with **Thos. Hunter, Norman Picht,** and **Stanley Gulch** being elected to the membership. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Josephson** (Chinese gold and silver taels), **C.M. Wilson** (Isabella quarter and Columbian half dollar in proof), **Mr. Cedarlund** (a group of counterstamped coins that included a 1649 crown of the City of Campen, counterstamped in 1655 by Russian Czar Alex. Michaelovitch), **Dr. Luttenberger** (a 1867 proof Mexican peso), **Mr. Fields** (40 different wax seals from various banks), and **Edwin William** (a large book on Masonic Mark Pennies).

40 YEARS AGO **JULY, 1950**

On June 25, 1950, Communist North Korea invaded the Republic of South Korea and the Korean War began, not ending until July, 1953.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 378th meeting July 12, with **Tillie Sicher (Boosel)** joining the membership. Some of the exhibitors were **James Rauen** (a clay plaque with the eagle found on the Barber quarter and half dollar), **Mr. Jonas** (Rutherford B. Hayes oval bronze medal and the Swedish Numismatic Society 75th anniversary medal), **Philip More** (8 Korean amulet coins in various odd shapes), **M.V. Sheldon** (a 1950 proof set from England), **I.T. Kopicki** (an errored 1886 $5 silver certificate), **William Hoppe** (Swiss medals), **Earl Brown** (4-sapeques Annam silver bar of Tu Duc and California centennial medals), and **Lee Hewitt** (a set of pattern of the New French Union coins consisting of 29 pieces in nickel).

20 YEARS AGO **JULY, 1970**

The Club's 618th meeting minutes are missing from the archives.

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DOUGLAS ROSENBERG

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LAST'S MONTH PUZZLE

Well, if you solved last month's "Numiscramble" I don't know what to say, as it was somewhat impossible. As Hugh Cooper noted, due to an oversight, the artist for the Constitution Dollar is Patricia Lewis Verani, while the name I was cluing for was Mercanti. In any case, the final solution was "SOCIETY FOR U.S. COMMEMORATIVE COINS".

The artist's name were, in order:

FRASER
BARBER
COPPINI
SINNOCK
AITKEN
MERCANTI
LUKEMAN
MORA
ORTMAYER
DAVIDSON

PLEASE NOTE:

This "Chatter" issue was delayed as the minutes for the June meeting were not received until July 5, two days after the "Chatter" was scheduled for mailing. All submissions for publication in the "Chatter" should be in my hands by the 20th day of the previous month, in this case June 20th. "Chatter" mailing is scheduled for the Wednesday prior to each meeting, in this case July 3rd due to the holiday. As comments have been made regarding the continued tardiness of the "Chatter", it is necessary to note the continued tardiness of inclusions important to the "Chatter". My only option is to mail the "Chatter" as scheduled, without these important inclusions, and in an even more abbreviated form than its current pitiful state.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1987, 1988 & 1989

CASH RECEIPTS	1987	1988	1989
Dues	963.00	1,497.00	592.00
Medal sales	47.50	188.50	20.00
Book sales, including postage	1,152.52	322.00	572.08
Interest income	319.22	264.36	488.61
Sundry	1.55	110.44	78.00
Auction proceeds	65.25	102.60	-
Elongated cents, tokens, etc.	37.00	-	267.50
Banquet	561.00	432.00	420.00
Receivable for banquet beverages	115.71	179.80	204.17
Total Cash Receipts	3,262.75	3,096.70	2,642.36
CASH DISBURSEMENTS			
Book, including postage	559.12	-	21.58
Chatter, incuding postage	886.73	735.71	620.68
Meeting room	500.00	550.00	-
Awards & giveaways	138.95	803.00	238.20
Screen & Projector rental	63.90	161.25	-
Sundry	9.78	-	31.51
I L N A Dues	3.00	5.00	5.00
Safe deposit box	13.00	13.00	13.00
Donation - ANA, ANS, YN	50.00	92.25	593.85
P.O Box	33.00	28.00	28.00
Editor reimbursement	50.00	-	-
Illinois registration	5.00	5.00	5.00
Club banquet	771.94	637.55	626.63
Supplies	-	127.77	57.00
Total Cash Disbursements	3,084.42	3,158.53	2,240.45
CASH SUMMARY			
Checking	336.16	568.46	242.27
Money Market - Citicorp	5,679.55	2,555.38	2,702.38
Certificate of deposit	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Savings	-	2,070.20	2,187.56
Money Market - Dreyfus	-	-	-
Cash, beginning of year	6,015.71	6,194.04	6,132.21
Cash receipts	3,262.75	3,096.70	2,642.36
Cash disbursements	(3,084.42)	(3,158.53)	(2,240.45)
Cash, end of year	6,194.04	6,132.21	6,534.12
Checking	568.46	242.27	676.58
Money Market - Citicorp	2,555.38	2,702.38	2,257.48
Certificate of deposit	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,069.82
Savings	2,070.20	2,187.56	-
Money Market - Dreyfus	-	-	2,530.24
	6,194.04	6,132.21	6,534.12

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MINUTES OF THE 858TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
JULY 1990

The 858th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 pm on July 11, 1990 by President Bob Leonard. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the Chatter. The annual treasurers' reports for 1987, 1988 and 1989 were approved as printed subject to revision of the book count. Trying to reconcile the count is an ongoing project.

The evening's visitor was the Club's First Lady, Janet Leonard. Douglas O. Rosenberg was the featured speaker. His topic was coinage of "The Altar Dedicated to the Goddess Roma and Augustus": (Anyone traveling to France should contact Mr. Rosenberg - measurement's of the altar's granite pillars would be appreciated). Drew Michyeta presented Mr. Rosenberg with the Club's speaker award and the ANA speaker certificate for his talk in 1989.

Anyone interested in making suggestions regarding the Chicago ANA Convention Medal should contact Joe O'Connor.

Money market accounts, leaving only the account that has the highest yield. At maturity of the Club's certificate of deposit, these funds are also to be added to the money market account. The Dreyfus Worldwide Money Market Account will survive the Citicorp Money Market Account.

The $90 receivable from the Smithsonian Institute will be removed from future balance sheets of the Club. Efforts will still be made to collect.

The exhibitors for the evening were **Nancy Wilson** (ANA plaque), **Pete Jorstad** (five Canada large cents (type) including "Godless" of 1911), **Drew Michyeta** (1984 1 Sol of Peru (llama), medal from 1976 South African Numismatic Society Convention (wildebeest)), **Harry Flonder** (counterstamped Maria Theresa Taler - 200th Anniversary, U.S. American Legion Badge made from Maria Theresa Taler: "Middle East Campaign Africa"), **John Wilson** (ABN Co., Million Dollar note, 1990 Souvenir card), and **Robert Leonard** (Chinese coins as issued with sticker advertising a night club).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1910**

In 1910, steel began to replace wood in U.S. automobile bodies. The U.S. proudly claimed 1,000 miles of concrete road, which was little more than the distance between Chicago and New Orleans!

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 79th meeting August 5th. It was decided to invite the American Numismatic Association to hold its 1911 convention in Chicago. **Mr. Johnston** offered a resolution that there should be adopted in this country a uniform grading of uncirculated coins into two classes: those that were absolutely perfect and those short of that condition. **Mr. Baker** read a poem on the value of money.

60 YEARS AGO **AUGUST,1930**

U.S. auto sales dropped off sharply due to the depression, but the country averaged one auto for every 5.5 persons, up from one for thirteen in 1920. The U.S. had 23 million cars in 1930, Japan had 50,000, China 18,000, India 125,000 and Syria had 4,822.

The 138th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 7th. The evening speaker was Harwood Frost, author of <u>The Evolution of the Dollar</u>, and he illustrated his talk with lantern slides. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Stevens** (an uncirculated $20 gold certificate), **Mr. Williams** (a countermarked Washington penny and a Chinese hard times token), **Mr. Koenker** (a Martin Luther medal), and **Mr. Roshom** (40 pieces from the Danish West Indies in gold, silver, and copper).

40 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1950**

In 1950, the U.S. claimed 1.68 million miles of surfaced road, up from 1.34 million in 1940.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 379th meeting August 9th. Some of the exhibitors were **Col. Curtis** (a representative set of ancient billion tetradrachms from the Alexandria mint in Egypt), **Earl Brown** (pattern and regular issue Cartwheel medallions, Lincoln memorabilia, and a medallion of the first W.E. International Trade Exposition being held in Chicago), **G.R. Ostrander** (gold coins of Austria), **Glenn Smedley** (18 U.S. silver dollars), **Harry X Boosel** (an uncut sheet of $1 notes, and a gambler's token similar to a $20 gold piece), and **Ted Pokorney** and **J.E. Merkel** (1950 proof set).

20 YEARS AGO **AUGUST, 1970**

The Club's 619th meeting was held August 12th. The featured speaker did not show, but an official from the Chicago Police Department addressed the group regarding information on a stolen 8-shilling siege piece. Exhibitors were **Harry x Boosel, Glenn Smedley, William Pettit,** and **Gerda Birkholz.**

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 - William Swoger
07 - William Holm
19 - Carl F. Wolf
23 - Thomas Mitchell
26 - Donald H. Doswell
07 - Robert L. Hendershott
17 - Harry X Boosel
20 - Melvin Frear
26 - Tom DeLorey
31 - Clarence R. Wills

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

Due to an increasingly crowded schedule, which promises to become even more crowded with the expectation of TWINS sometime in December, I will no longer be able to serve as your editor after the December, 1990 issue. While I don't expect a crowd of volunteers for this job, please stand up and be counted if you hold any interest. While an earlier departure from my position is possible if a suitable replacement is found, the December 1990 issue will unquestionably be my last. Thank you all for the compliments and constructive criticism during my brief tenure.

Most Sincerely, Joseph R. O'Connor

July, 1990 Centennial Update:

I recently spoke to Ruthann Brettell regarding the 100th, and we feel things are really starting to take shape. I want to thank the CCC members and others for all your help so far. I hope each Chairman is able to get workers to help them with their job. Phil Greenslet, our Exhibit Chairman, is requesting an Assistant. If you want to help him, please get in touch with me, and I will put you in touch with him. Before we know it Seattle will be over with, and Ruthann will be gearing a lot of her energy to the Centennial Convention. We will have a promotional table at Seattle and if you get tired of looking around you can sit behind the table. Frank Gasparro has designed one side of the Official 100th Convention Medal and is anxious to do the other side. James Taylor, the ANA Education Director, would like the Chicago Coin Club to give feedback on what we would like for the other side. If you have any ideas please call Joseph O'Connor, our Medal Chairman, and let him know your thoughts. He can be reached during the day at 708/ 687 - 0045. James will be calling Joseph the day after our August CCC Meeting. I would also like the members to give our Activity Chairman, Brian Stubbs, feedback on Chicago area tour locations and a nice place to go for the Friendship or Spouses' Luncheon. Brian will have a tour company lined up by the September ILNA meeting. I hope he is also getting help and design ideas for the tour tokens. We still need promotional items (bank key chains, pens, pencils, etc.) from anyone you may do business with. Ask for 100 items but take what they give you. Door prizes are also needed. Do you have any ideas on how we can make our 100th even more successful. Someone brought up the idea that ANA member clubs make token type items congratulating the ANA on their Centennial year.

Our next organizational meeting will be held at the ILNA Convention on Saturday, September 8th, at 1:00 p.m. This Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn O'Hare, on River Road, across from the O'Hare Expo Center. For information, the ILNA bourse will open at 10:00 a.m. If you are a Chairman and haven't had your picture taken yet, Donn Pearlman will probably get it done at the ILNA meeting. Following this organizational meeting all but the CICF 91 meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency, located next to the O'Hare Expo. The meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. and the dates are as follows: Saturday, November 3 with Ruthann Brettell; Saturday, January 26 with Virginia Meier; Saturday, March 9 with Ruthann Brettell; May, July and August meeting dates are still open. These are extremely important meetings, and I hope you make every effort to attend them if you are a Chairman. Keep up the great work! If you have any questions, drop me a line at: Box 27185, Milwaukee, WI. 53227. Thanks for your support.

John Wilson

Yours in Numismatics, John Wilson

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MINUTES OF THE 859TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
AUGUST 1990

The 859th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by acting President Drew Michyeta. The minutes were approved with one correction: the last name of one exhibitor should be changed Flonder to Flower. The treasurer's reports for May and June were approved subject to year end audit.

Thirteen plate money tokens were given to Harry Boosel to take to the Seattle show, in hope of further sales.

The club is looking for a new Chatter editor. Joe O'Connor will be a hard act to follow, but someone must be willing!

Bob Leonard received a check from a purchaser in Sweden for 6 books.

The members decided that the treasurer should vote any proxies received regarding the club's investments. No need to bring up at meetings.

Sketches of the A.N.A. medal were shown. Suggestions are encouraged.

In lieu of speaker, a panel of experts (Chet Poderski, Charlie Ricard and Bill Swoger) fielded questions from other members. This alternative provided interesting conversation and gave members a chance to "shoot the breeze" rather than be lectured.

Drew Michyeta gave each person present a crisp specimen of one Disney Dollar.

Exhibitors for the evening were **Charlie Ricard** (1989 Lincoln cent with machine doubling on the reverse and a Dick Tracy memento), **Chet Poderski** (coin map of the world of the worlds fair of Vienna - 1873), **Carl Wolf** (ANA embossed souvenir of swedish plate money), **Drew Michyeta** (one Disney Dollar), and **Harry X Boosel** (ANA memorabilia to be worn at conventions).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 1910

The Blackstone Hotel opened on Michigan Avenue at Balbo, and Comisky Park opened on Chicago's south side. The Chicago Cubs lost the World Series 4 games to 1 to the Philadelphia Athletics.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 80th meeting September 2. It was decided to strike medals commemorating the progress in aviation. The evening's only exhibitor was **Mr. Williams**, who showed a number of South American gold pieces.

60 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 1930

The comic strip "Blondie" was introduced. Cartoonist Murat Bernard characters became the most widely syndicated of all cartoon strips and the huge sandwich created by Dagwood in his evening forays to the refrigerator will be named after him.

The 139th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 3rd. Exhibitors included **Mr. Hunter** (a 1797 copper cent only half struck), **Mr. Jonas** (an uncirculated 1650 klippe of Nuremburg), **Mr. Lawless** (an aluminum Byron dollar), **Messrs. Davis & Stevens** (various U.S. silver dollars), and **Mr. Josephson** (English coins).

40 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 1950

"Peanuts" by Minnesota cartoonist Charles Schultz began to appear in eight newspapers in 1950. Over the next forty years "Peanuts" and all its characters became very popular with readers of more than 900 newspapers and was the basis of books, television specials, and countless manufactured items.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 380th meeting September 13 and **Frank S. Smith** was elected to the membership. Some of the exhibitors were **A.E. Bebee** (a complete set of Norse medals in silver and gold, a George VI coronation set in gold proof, and Vatican sets of Pius XI and XII), **John Giello** (100th meeting and 25th anniversary medals of the Chicago Coin Club), **Lee Hewitt** ($1 and $5 Indiana Iron Works notes), **I.T. Kopicki** (his 25 year A.N.A. membership pin), **G.R. Ostrander** (the 50th anniversary medal of Medallic Art Company), and **M.V. Sheldon** (several award medals of the A.N.A. including the gold Presidential medal).

20 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 1970

Egyptian President Nasser died September 28, at age 52, and his close friend Anwar el-Sadat, 51, is overwhelmingly elected to succeed him.

The Club's 620th meeting was held in September and **Edward Becker** was admitted into membership. Father Raymond V. Schoder gave a lecture on ancient Greek coins and the exhibitors for the evening were **William Pettit, Gary Krug, Harry Flower, Lewis Nagy**, and **Arthur Allen**. No details were given as to the numismatic material they exhibited.

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06 - Peter A. Jorstad
07 - James M. McMenamin
09 - William A. Pettit
11 - Leah Klein
16 - Richard J. Sheppard
18 - Michael Dolnick
24 - Michael A. Pesha

SEPTEMBER CCC MEETING
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HARLAN BERK

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

October	Charles Ricard
November	Member's Benefit Auction
December	Annual CCC Banquet

NOW IT'S OUR TURN

As all of you should now know, the next American Numismatic Association Convention will be in Chicago in less than one year. While much work has been done, enthusiastic continued efforts are still needed.

The sketches for the Chicago Convention medal by renowned medalist Frank Gasparro were on display at the August meeting, with a request for comments and suggestions, While I remain less than satisfied with the "Liberty Cheerleader" obverse, I have been told by James Taylor that it is basically cast in stone. In regards to the reverse, I have agreed to the "ANA Logo/Chicago Skyline" design, and am now looking for a suitable rendering of the Chicago Skyline for Frank Gasparro's final sketches. While I was hoping to use Chicago artists in this endeavor, I have been firmly overruled. The final designs will be published in the "Chatter" as soon as we are given permission.

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MINUTES OF THE 860TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
SEPTEMBER 1990

The 860th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on September 12, 1990. The minutes were approved with one exception: the panel of experts included Bill Shepard, not Bill Swoger.

The evening's guest speaker was Harlan Berk, covering the topic of the Hunt Sale. Next month's speaker will be Charlie Ricard and November will feature the auction. Please give Drew Michyeta descriptions for publication in the Chatter and bring the material to the meeting. There will be no "show and tell" at the November meeting.

Election nominations will be announced in October. The nominating committee consists of Joe O'Connor, Brian Stubbs, and Charlie Ricard.

Exhibitors were **Drew Michyeta** (Olympic 10 rubles and 5 rubles - 6 pieces), **Harry Flower** (coins converted into religious pieces - 10 pieces), **Pete Jorstad** (ration books (WWII) and "Red Point" tokens - 15 pieces), **Bob Leonard** ("Limes" coins of the Roman Army - 6 pieces), **George Lill III** (1915 4 ducats of Austria - real and counterfeit with plating removed - 2 pieces), and **Charlie Ricard** (uniface medals of Napoleon I and Josephine).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE SECRETARY

I recently sent postcards to members that had not paid their dues. The postcard said "careful review of club records indicates that you have not paid your 1990 dues. Please remit a check for $10 or membership will be canceled. CCC, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, Illinois 60690".

The "Chatter" is published on a monthly basis by the Chicago Coin Club and distributed to its members. Chicago Coin Club annual dues are payable by the first of every calendar year. Regular membership: $10. Associate membership: $1. Junior membership: $5.

Several people feel that this was rather harsh. Let's think about this. Notices were included in the Chatter in December or January. Further requests for dues followed in later Chatters. Here it is September (at this writing) and dues that should have been paid in January are still unpaid. At least I didn't:

1) Cut off power (Utility Company)
2) Seize property (IRS)
3) Threaten legal action (pick one), or,
4) Send someone with a baseball bat (Da Boys).

How many creditors would wait eight months without using one of the above?

The following members still have not paid: Reecy Aresty, Louis Bergmann (Deceased), Hugh Cooper, Steve Hayden, Stewart Koppel, Edgar Lister, John Manus, Richard Martin, Bill Meck, Walter Mustain, Charlotte Nagy, Eileen Peterson, and Harry Schwimmer. Mrs. Peterson gets extra time because a question regarding the amount of associate dues ($1) was received in time. The others are hereby dropped from membership.

Peter A. Jorstad

OUR HERITAGE By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO OCTOBER, 1910

The Portuguese monarchy which had been founded in 1143 ended in a revolution October 4, 1910. King Manoel II, who reigned for 2 years, fled to England where he lived until his death in 1932.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 81st meeting October 7th. **R.E. Davis** and **B.H. Saxton** were elected to membership. A letter was read from A.N.A. General Secretary Duffield accepting the Society's invitation to host the 1911 convention. A preliminary committee was appointed and asked to report at the next meeting as to what committees should be created.

60 YEARS AGO OCTOBER, 1930

World oil prices collapsed in 1930 when wildcatter Columbus M. Joiner brought in a bug gusher October 3 in east Texas, opening a huge new oilfield. He would later sell out to H.L. Hunt and the oilfield made him the richest man in America.

The 140th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held October 1, with **D. Wallach** and **Axel Jansen** being elected members. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Rosholm** (commemorative coins of Iceland), **Dr. Luttenberger** (several error U.S. bills, including one inverted), **Mr. Josephson** (1/2 mohur of Bengal), **Mr. Davis** (a maundy set of King Edward VIII), and **Mr. Sheldon** (several ancient Greek staters).

40 YEARS AGO OCTOBER, 1950

Sweden's Gustavus V died October 29, 1950, at age 92 after a 43 year reign. He was succeeded by his 66 year old son Gustav VI Adolph who ruled until 1973.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 381st meeting October 11th. Some of the exhibitors were **Ernest Jonas** (12 Columbus medals), **Earl Barger** (his collection of 60 half dimes, and a photograph of his coin exhibit as it appeared in the

window of the Northern Trust Company), **William Hoppe** (Columbian Exposition and Christopher Columbus medals), **Clyde Hand** (9 sets of coins from various countries), **Earl Brown** (a variety of foreign coins including the rare Canadian 1936 "dot" cent), **Jos. E. Barr** (forty silver Swiss shooting festival medals), and **G.R. Ostrander** (1900 proof set).

20 YEARS AGO — OCTOBER, 1970

The Concorde supersonic jet exceeded twice the speed of sound for the first time in the fall of 1970.

The Club's 621st meeting was held October 14. David Shapiro, President of RARCOA spoke on the new certification program to which P.N.G. dealers subscribed and answered a number of questions on this new service. Exhibitors were **Gerda Birkholz, Harry X Boosel, William Pettit, David Schector, Glenn Smedley,** and **Frank Zaylik.**

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13 - Bernard L. Schwartz
14 - Joel J. Reznick
14 - Marcella L. Sheldon
16 - Harry Flower
17 - Margo Russell
18 - John Manus
19 - Phyllis Eisenberg

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee (Charles Ricard, Brian Stubbs, and Joseph O'Connor) has recommended the following slate for our upcoming elections:

President	Robert Leonard
First Vice President	Andrew Michyeta
Second Vice President	David Simpson
Archivist	Joseph Tomasko
Director	Brian Stubbs
Director	Pete Jorstad
Director	Joseph R. O'Connor
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MR. CHARLES RICARD
"INSPECTING THE FIRST COIN BY
JOHN WARD DUNSMORE -
THE 1792 HALF DISME"

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OUR HERITAGE - PART 2

Charles Ricard has submitted a copy of the Prices Realized from the Chicago Coin Club Auction held February 12, 1958 at the Pine Room of the Congress Hotel. Anyone willing to pitch in for a "Time Machine"?

Lot	Description	Grade	Realized
10	1955 P Half Dollar	Unc	$ .95
16	1833 Half Dime	VG	1.25
20	Pony Express Medal	Unc	.60
23	1937 D Buffalo Nickel "Three Legged"	F	7.00
25	Chinese Dollar 1914-1921 type, Bust of Yuan Shikai	F	1.20
26	Chicago World's Fair Medal 1933 Bronze	AU	1.05
27	Eucharistic Congress Medal Pope Pius XI	XF	.75
31	1819 Large Cent small date	XF+	6.00
33	1921 Mercury Dime	VG/G	3.50
34	1821 Large Cent	VG+	5.50
35	1895 Dime	G	10.00
37	1931 S Cent	VF	7.00
39	1846 Half Dollar tall date	VF	2.00
44	Louis King of France Brass Medal 60 MM	F	1.00
46	1891 O Dime	VF	1.00
47	Slovakia 1941 20 Korona Silver	Unc	2.00
49	1932 Quarter	Unc	2.00

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MINUTES OF THE 861ST MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
OCTOBER, 1990

The 861st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on October 10, 1990. The minutes were approved as printed in the Chatter. There was no treasurer's report.

Guests for the evening were Greg Gaskill, Brian Gaskill, and Adam Wieczorek.

Charlie Ricard was the featured speaker with the topic: "Inspecting the First Coin by John Ward Dunsmore - the 1792 Half Disme". At the conclusion of his talk, Drew Michyeta presented Charlie with the Club's speaker medal.

Next month's meeting will feature the annual auction. Contact Drew if you have something for auction. This is a member benefit auction. A board meeting will be held at the O'Hare Hyatt at 10:00 a.m. on November 3. The November Club meeting will be held at a to-be-determined location. READ THIS CHATTER FOR THE LOCATION. There will be no exhibits at the November (auction) or December (banquet) meetings.

John Wilson gave an update on the ANA convention. All committee chairs have been appointed. Carl Wolf was the most recent appointment as the Promotional Items Chairman. Carl has also volunteered to organize the December banquet.

Exhibitors for the evening were: **Harry Flower** (Albert Einstein medal issued by U.S. Army), **John Wilson** (Santa Claus & numismatics), **Nancy Wilson** (Bill of Rights coin, ANA Seattle elongated set, and MNS elongated set), **Charlie Ricard** (1965 Assay Commission Medal), **Robert Leonard** (French political counterstamp), **Drew Michyeta** (Presidential medallic set), and **Harry X Boosel** (ANA and Alaska memorabilia).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

OUR HERITAGE By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 1910

Women in Washington state and California gained the right to vote after passing a constitutional amendment, November 8, 1910.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 82nd meeting November 4th. The preliminary convention committee recommended five committees be appointed: Finance, Exhibitions, Entertainment-Program-Hotel, Medallic Production, and Publicity. It was reported that 14 students of the Art Institute had submitted drawings and models for the proposed Progress in Aviation medal. **M.H. Jackson, S.H. Lamson, W.J. Blacklock, H. Lawton, Rudolph G. Mueller, C. Stauh,** and **Fred Michael** were all elected to membership. Exhibitors were **Mr. Baker** (his collection of fractional currency consisting of 226 varieties), **Mr. Krause** (bronze coins of Didius Julianus Diademianus, Macrinus, Vitellius, Trajan, Gallianus of Vespasian, Nerva, Trajan and Commodus, all in superb condition).

60 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 1930

The 141st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 5, with 76 members and guest attending a French Hunters dinner at member **Alden Scott Boyer's** Laboratories, 2700 S. Wabash Avenue. Entertainment was provided by **Mrs. Powills** and **Mrs. Deign** who each played several selections on the piano. **Herbert E. Kiester** was elected to membership. Some of the exhibitors were **Mr. Kopicki** (40 Lincoln medals), **Mr. Davis** (Colonial coins), **Mr. Rosholm** (pattern coins from Norway), **Mr. Ross** (Jenny Lind medals), **Dr. Lorenz** (a $50 Wass-Molitor slug), and **Mr. Sheldon** (ancient Greek silver coins).

40 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 1950

President Truman escaped an assassination attempt November 1, 1950 when two Puerto Ricans attempted to enter the Blair House and killed one guard and wounded another.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 382nd meeting November 8th and elected **O.H. Dodson** and **Dr. William B. Serbin** as members. This was Ladies' Night and the women of the club provided an entertaining hat style show, which were really examples of what a woman's hat should not be. Exhibitors included **Mrs. Brown** (56 small-sized world coins), **Mrs. Jonas** (Bird of Paradise feathers, shells, and grass handbags, all once used as a medium of exchange in New Guinea), **Mrs. Rauen** (an 1820 U.S. cent), **Mrs. Lindall** (an uncirculated 1942/1 U.S. dime), **Mrs. Smedley** (a 1855 Victoria penny mounted in a letter opener), **Mrs. Green** (a large gold medal of Victoria), **Mrs. Kurtzeborn** (Siamese porcelain coin), **Mrs. Bebee** (3 1893 Educational Notes, all depicting women), and **Mr. Smedley** (slides of coins, depicting famous women).

20 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 1970

France's Charles de Gaulle died November 9, at age 79.

The Club's 622nd meeting was held November 11th with **William Petrosky** as speaker on Russian coinage. Exhibitors were **Gerda Birkholz, James Budd, William Pettit, Harry X Boosel,** and **David Schector.**

NOVEMBER AUCTION

It's time again for our Member's Benefit auction. If you didn't consign your rare and desirable items early enough to be included in this "Chatter", just bring them to the November meeting. Good Luck!

1. Silver Medal Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the CCC, 1944, Uncirculated

2. (2) 1990 Seattle ANA Coffee Mugs (Club Benefit)

3. 1989 U.S. Silver Eagle, 1 ounce, Uncirculated (Minimum Bid $6.75)

4. 1990 U.S. Silver Eagle, 1 ounce, Uncirculated (Minimum Bid $6.75)

5. 1919 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, Overstruck for CCC 150th Meeting

6. 1985 Canada $20 Silver Proof with Original Case (Minimum Bid $20)

7. 1969 CCC 600th Meeting Commemorative

8. 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 Redbooks

9. 1935 A $1, Uncirculated Fr. #1608

10. $1 Bill, Star Note, Uncirculated Fr. #1621

11. (2) 1964 Kennedy Halves, Choice BU

12. Book entitled "Scripophily"

13. (10) Union Pacific Railroad Stock Certificates

14. (10) Reading Railroad Stock Certificates

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 - Stewart B. Koppel
05 - Phyllis Johnson
08 - Brian Andrew Heil
09 - Tom Ryan
14 - William A. Baker
19 - Richard Peterson
24 - Jeffrey F. Bernberg

NOVEMBER CCC MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 1990, 7:30 PM

THE NOVEMBER MEETING SIGHT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

BISMARK HOTEL
171 W. RANDOLPH, PARLOR F, THIRD FLOOR

THE EVENING'S FEATURED
EVENT WILL BE A

MEMBER'S BENEFIT AUCTION

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Make plans now for the December Chicago Coin Club Banquet. The featured speaker will be Larry Whitlow on "The Influence of PCGS, NGC and Sight-Unseen Electronic Trading on the Future of Numismatics".

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MINUTES OF THE 862ND MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB
NOVEMBER 14, 1990

The 862nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, 1990 by acting President Drew Michyeta. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the "Chatter". The Treasurers Reports for July through October were approved as read, subject to audit.

Carl Wolf reported that at the last board meeting, one of the topics was how to improve attendance. Suggestions included press releases in Coin World, dropping the attendance requirements for membership, and posters for college history departments.

The December banquet cost will be $20 per person. Choices are fish or turkey. Harlan Berk is generously footing the bill for cocktails ($200 limit). If you wish to attend, call Carl Wolf or Pete Jorstad for your reservation and pay at the door. It was moved and passed to provide up to $100 for hors d'oeuvres for the banquet. (Ed. Note: Call Carl at (312) 454-9696 or Pete at (312) 346-4242.)

It was requested that the slate of officers be published in the "Chatter" again. See elsewhere in this issue.

A first reading of application for membership was made for Michael Brodsky.

The remainder of the evening was the annual member benefit auction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

PLEASE NOTE

The dropping of members for nonpayment of dues is not intended to be a commentary on their character. Your secretary accepts the nonpayment as an informal statement that membership is no longer desired - for whatever reason. However, it has been requested that I mention Mr. Edgar Lister's ill health as his reason for allowing his membership to lapse.

OUR HERITAGE - By Carl Wolf

80 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1910

Sickle cell anemia was identified for the first time by Chicago physician James Bryan Herrick.

The Chicago Numismatic Society held its 83rd meeting December 2nd with Swan Nelson, T.W. Blatchford, and E.G. Scully elected as members. Awards for design of the Progress in Aviation medal were reported. Exhibitors were Mr. Verkler (medals from machine cut dies), Mr. Leon (a $50-compound interest greenback, a gold Byzantine solidus, and a 24 and 96 stivers in silver of Ceylon), Mr. Brand (seven $2.50 Bechtler gold pieces, $2.50 gold prices of Conway & Co., Templeton Reid and John Parson & Co., a gold stater of Selecus I of Syria, a gold stater of Rhodes, a quinarius of Faustina Senior, and an aureau of Pertinaz), and Mr. Green (a $2.50 Bechtler gold piece).

60 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1930

Earlier in 1930, stock prices on Wall Street rallied, but when investors realized the true economic realities of the worldwide business depression, prices went into a long decline that carried them to new depths.

The 142nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 3rd. Some of the exhibitors were Dr. Luttenberger (a Bryon dollar and Continental Currency), Mr. Blomquist (3 pieces of Continental Currency signed by John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence), Mr. Davis (12 political medals of Henry Clay), Mr. Cederlund (a silver nugget from the U.S. Assayer's Office, a U.S. cent counterstamped with the bust of General Grans, and a selection of other counterstamped coins that included two excessively rare counterstamped specimens from Poland).

40 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1950

On December 6, 1950, President Truman wrote a letter to Washington Post critic Paul Hume telling him among other things that he was "an eight-ulcer man on four-ulcer pay . . ." for his disparaging review of a song recital by Margaret Truman.

The Chicago Coin Club held its 383rd meeting December 13th. Some of the exhibitors were S. Graziano (a rare ancient octodrachm of Athens), Mr. Jonas (Brazilian porcelain medals), Mr. Harris (ancient, counterstamped and siege coins), Mr. Smith (bronze ring money of the Buluba Tribe of Cameroon), Mr. Ostrander (set of gold Nuremberg square and round coins from 1/32 to 1 ducat size), Lee Hewitt (1904 proof set), and Mr. Smedley (a Libertas Americanas medal).

20 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1970

In a portent of things to come, citizens of Gdansk, Poland rioted over the food shortages and high prices.

The Club's 633rd meeting was held December 9 with the following exhibitors Gerda Birkholz, Harry X Boosel, Harry Flower, Dennis Forgue, and William Pettit. The meeting ended with a small Christmas party, refreshments and fellowship.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 - Richard Martin
06 - Allen H. Meyer
09 - Howard Eisenberg
17 - Allen E. Schechter
21 - Frank Olenicki
31 - Philip J. Carrigan
06 - Albert F. Ivan
07 - Brian C. Stubbs, Esq.
11 - Philip J. More
19 - Bill Grundy
23 - Edward Milas
31 - Harold R. Klein

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee (Charles Ricard, Brian Stubbs, and Joseph O'Connor) has recommended the following slate for our upcoming elections:

President	Robert Leonard
First Vice President	Andrew Michyeta
Second Vice President	David Simpson
Archivist	Joseph Tomasko
Director	Brian Stubbs
Director	Pete Jorstad
Director	Joseph R. O'Connor
Immediate Past President	Charles Ricard
Secretary/Treasurer	Pete Jorstad
Editor	David Simpson

FROM YOUR EDITOR

I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Chicago Coin Club for allowing me the privilege of serving as your "Chatter" Editor for the past two years.

While my wife has not yet given birth to our twins, I am sure to receive that frantic call any day now (frantic for me that is, my wife is almost disturbingly calm about this). As such, while we will not be able to attend this year's CCC Banquet, we wish you all a joyous holiday season.

Most Sincerely,
Joseph R. O'Connor

DECEMBER CCC MEETING & BANQUET
DECEMBER 12, 1990
THE BISMARCK HOTEL, LINCOLN ROOM
171 WEST RANDOLPH, CHICAGO

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRE AT 6:30 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 7:30 PM

COCKTAILS COMPLIMENTS OF HARLAN J. BERK

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